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Jessen's appointments stir controversy

Members of CRs claim discrimination, improper meeting by chairman of the group

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Brian Jessen, the chairman of the College Republicans of Purdue Calumet, appointed two new members to their executive council via executive orders last February. Brad Bramble was appointed as Treasurer, and Bethany Dielman as interim secretary. Neither are students.

Jessen met last week with Larry Liddle, director of student activities, about the appointments and other complaints from members in the organization. Liddle said this is "an internal thing that can have external implications," and the

"As far as I believe there was no meeting. I do not recognize the meeting and do not recognize the minutes."

Tom Cavanaugh, first vice-chair CRs of PUC

CRs must work it out through their advisor or internal processes. He explained that there are certain rules for all student organizations, such as the need for an advisor for the group and all members must be students. "He (Jessen) thinks he can do whatever he wants. He can. All he has to do is get off campus," exclaimed Liddle.

Jessen wonders why the University is getting involved in

the matter. "I'm interested in why the University would want to get involved in the internal problems of the organization. The internal problems are to be dealt with within the organization."

Members of all student organizations must be students at PUC, according to secretary of student activities Michelle Peak. Documents in the student activities office do not reflect these

changes in the College Republican organization as of March 1, Peak said.

Bramble is an alumnus of Purdue Calumet, and Dielman will start classes at PUC in the summer and is Jessen's girlfriend, Jessen said.

The preliminary minutes to a Feb. 5 meeting stated there were only two members present. Jessen made a motion to suspend the rules since a quorum was not present. The motion was seconded by Matt Laker. The CRs of PUC's bylaws, Article VII, Section 3,

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Jessen elected as state vice-chair



Brian Jessen

Brian Jessen, chairman of the College Republicans of Purdue Calumet, was elected to the position of vice-chairman of the Indiana Federation of College Republicans, March 1. Jessen is a political science major at PUC.

Keeping up with PUC Student Government

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Student Government has been working vigorously to complete plans for this semester. New senators were voted in, plans to volunteer community time were made, and the idea of moving the student government office to where the game room is located are issues being dealt with. Jarret Mitchell, student body president, has been working with campus officials and student government members in trying to better the campus atmosphere for students.

The PUC SG hosted a meeting March 2 for student government members. The meeting provided the opportunity for students to discuss matters in greater depth. Student government meets twice a month, giving member the opportunity to research ideas, talk to students and find out what they want for the campus.

Mitchell and members talked about conditions on campus. In the future, they would like to see changes made in regards to the

busy elevator in the Student and Faculty Library Building. They would like to have an on-call assistant available for disabled students who need to use the elevator.

Mitchell is also working towards a fall break for students. If the idea takes hold, it would mean that students would start two days earlier and finish the term two days later.

Student Government is also planning an event to aid the community. They have been discussing an idea which would allow them to volunteer time in a soup kitchen. Plans were set at the

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Hey, where is the SG office?

The Student Government office is located on the third floor in the library building, SFLC-324G.

No gambling with these Slots

PC Slots helps job-seekers find the perfect job.

BY TRISHA KRESS
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Students and other community members who are currently searching for a job can look to PC Slots for help.

PC Slots is a system offered by the Office of Career Development and Placement at Purdue Calumet. It classifies job openings based on a field of study or qualifications, such as biology or high school degree. The job openings that fall under

certain requirements are grouped under headings, making it easier for people to find information about jobs in a specific field.

"It is computerized, but really is an easy way to get a lot of helpful information all at once," said Amy Moore, 24, of Hammond.

When a heading is selected from the system, a list of prospective jobs and employers appears. By choosing a specific job in the list, PC Slots will give additional information including general job description, address of the company, a phone number or person to contact and sometimes information on hours or wages.

"I didn't have a lot of time to look for a better job," said Jason Cannata, a student from Lansing, Ill.

"PC Slots was quick and easy enough that I could check it a couple of times a week. Usually there was always something new to look at."

The PC Slots system is updated almost daily, and can be accessed on many of Purdue Calumet's computer system. Most people use the computers located in PWRS-115 of the Computer Education building to use the system.

"I wasn't sure what to do the

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Purdue Cal police pack a punch

Unknown to many, campus officers are the real thing.

BY GREGORY J. OSTROZOVICH
Staff Contributor

The Purdue University Calumet Police are the real thing. Many people make the mistake of considering the police that patrol campus as security officers. Make no mistake. These officers are fully

accredited through the state of Indiana. They possess the powers of arrest and enforcement of state and local laws.

To attain this status each officer must complete the rigorous 12 week training which is held at the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy in Plainfield. According to Sgt. Nicholas Zwier, an 18 year veteran of the PUC Police Department, "Our officers attend the same academy as all officers in the state and they possess the exact

same powers of enforcement."

Through a mutual aid agreement with the City of Hammond, PUC officers have assisted Hammond Police officers on many occasions. "Our officers have been called upon by Hammond officers to help them on domestic disputes and traffic stops on numerous occasions," he said.

The PUC Police are focused in their efforts to protect life and

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New building codes

The University has approved new abbreviations for the designation of buildings on campus. These replace the old single letter codes. The University will be implementing these changes in the upcoming months.

The Chronicle has begun using these designators in stories. Here is a listing of the more common ones:

A.....ANDR	Anderson
C.....SFLC	S-F Library building
E.....PORT	Porter
G.....GYTE	Gyte
J.....CLO	Classroom - office
K.....PER	Physical Education
L.....RILY	Child Care center
M.....PWRS	Computer labs, etc
O.....LAWS	Lawshe
P.....POTR	Porter
X.....ANNX	Gyte Annex

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Take a spring break, but don't get taken

(CPS) - Ruth Berkowitz and five of her friends spent the cold winter of their sophomore year at Washington University in St. Louis with warm thoughts of a spring break in South Padre Island.

Berkowitz spent the months after the trip arguing with a hotel manager who accused her group of breaking the room's sleeper sofa.

"We called them several times and argued with them," Berkowitz said. "They were saying that we

completely destroyed the sofa, that we must have had a party and jumped up and down on the bed." Despite their efforts, the group never got their \$250 deposit back.

Most commonly students fall victim to travel scams by companies selling dream vacations at amazingly low prices.

"Students and seniors are the most targeted groups to be taken advantage of," said Steve Loucks, the spokesperson for the American

Society of Travel Agents. "Students are wrongly perceived to be a little wet behind the ears in terms of travel planning."

"Usually what you find is some unscrupulous tour operator who's going directly to students on campuses with all sorts of flowery offers," Loucks said. "The bulk of those offers are not legitimate. What we tell people is anytime you

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ADMINISTRATION UPDATE

Outreach is a responsibility we take seriously!

Outreach. From a Purdue Calumet standpoint, it is the many ways our university interacts to enhance local communities, school systems, employers and residents.

In short, it is a way Purdue Calumet uses its expertise and resources to invest in the greater Calumet Region beyond the activity that takes place day to day in our classrooms and laboratories.

As a comprehensive, regional institution, we have many opportunities to reach out and make a difference. We have tried to make the most of those opportunities—and our efforts have been appreciated.

Kudos for our efforts

Recently, at a dinner we hosted for the Purdue Board of Trustees, Assistant Superintendent of Hammond Schools Dr. Gary Jones praised the many ways Purdue Calumet has helped Hammond and other school systems through training and other professionally-enriching initiatives.

At that dinner, we provided the Trustees an eight-page booklet, listing Purdue Calumet outreach activities. The list, by no means all-encompassing, included nearly 140 items.

Some of these activities have been and will continue to be reported in *The Chronicle* and through other news media outlets.

In many cases, it is difficult to determine precisely the impact of our outreach—except, as in the case of Dr. Jones, what people tell us.

Entrepreneurship success

One recent, very telling benchmark, however, has come from our Entrepreneurship Program. That training program, about which you will read more in the upcoming issue of *Purdue Calumet* magazine, is designed to help small business owners succeed.

Success is far from a given in that 80 percent of all new businesses fail within the first 10 years.

We introduced our 22-month Entrepreneurship Program, under the direction of Professor Jamaluddin Husain, in 1995. Two months ago, the first group of participants—some 18—completed the program.

When we surveyed that group, we learned that collective sales of their businesses from the end of 1994—just before they entered the program—through 1996 had increased nearly 56 percent!

Two other groups of program participants also are enjoying collective sales growth in their businesses.

That's just one example of the impact of Purdue Calumet outreach. There are countless others.

As an institution, we have an important responsibility to you, our students. But we also are obliged to do all we can to strengthen our region. Both are responsibilities we take seriously!

At a glance

student organizations

Rape Prevention Workshop

Sigma Lambda Beta will be presenting a rape prevention workshop on March 25, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., in the library building, room SFLC-321. The workshop will present a guest speaker, and information will be provided to help make women more aware of the crime and the prevention of it. All are invited to attend.

Sigma Lambda Beta home page: xpc.calumet.purdue.edu/~silambda

Los Latinos Meetings

A time has been set for the general

assembly meetings for Los Latinos. The time will be Wednesdays from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.

The focus will be on the agenda for the year's upcoming events. All members are welcome, and an invitation is open to new potential members. Membership dues are \$5 for the semester.

Los Latinos home page: xpc.calumet.purdue.edu/~loslatinos

—Compiled by Chronicle staff from press releases and other sources

Adult children of alcoholics

BY MARILYN STEINBERG
Marriage and family

Has alcohol been an important influence in your family's life? You may be aware of alcohol problems in your family when you were growing up. However, you may not be aware of the ways those problems can continue to affect you, even as an adult. Your emotional well-being, your academic work, and your present and future relationships may be affected by having grown up in a home where alcohol was a significant problem.

Alcohol disrupts the consistency and predictability which should be present in every family and results in confusion and chaos. An alcoholic family is any family disrupted by alcohol abuse, and an Adult Child of an Alcoholic is precisely that, an adult that grew up with an alcoholic parent.

Each member of an alcoholic family needs to find his or her own way to live with the chaos. Claudia Black, a leading expert regarding ACOA, has identified different roles that emerge for children in their attempts to make sense of the chaos.

The Caretaker or Chief Enabler

These children learn to smooth over potentially upsetting situations in the family. They seem to have an uncanny ability to sense what others are feeling at the expense of their own feelings. They tend to take total responsibility for the emotional care of the family. They often choose careers as helping professionals because of their experience in this role. They develop illnesses such as migraines, back pain, colitis and high blood pressure. This is the person who is the closest and most depended on by the alcoholic.

The Scapegoat

These children are identified as the family problem. They are likely to get into various kinds of trouble, including drug and alcohol abuse, as a way of expressing their anger at the family. This family member is defiant and

has difficulty with responsibility. They also function as a sort of pressure valve. When tension builds in the family, the scapegoat will misbehave as a way of taking the focus off of the drinking problem. Scapegoats tend to be unaware of feelings other than anger

The Family Hero

These children try to project a personal image of achievement and competence to the outside world and are perfectionists. They do what is expected of them to bring self-worth to the family system so the family can be proud. They tend to be academically or professionally very successful.

The Family Mascot

Mascots are often immature, cute, fun to be around and able to use charm and humor to survive in a painful family system. These children provide humor and fun to deflect and reduce tension and anxiety in the family.

The Lost Child

These children become timid followers who spend a lot of time in their rooms engaging in solitary activities such as collecting things and reading. They are withdrawn and detached from the family. They don't want to make waves or rock the boat and prefer their invisible style. The Lost Child provides relief for the family, one less to worry about.

Here are some tips for you if you recognize that you are an adult child of an alcoholic:

- Recognize that the past may have left you with some wounds that affect your present and future.

- Trying to forget the past without understanding how it affected you will usually not work. If your having difficulties in present relationships, it may be linked to past difficulties.

- Try to face the past, its importance, and its meaning to you. Often this means understanding and forgiving your parents so that the healing process can begin.

'Man, if you gotta ask you'll never know.'

Reply when asked what jazz is

—Louis (Satchmo) Armstrong
1900-1971

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March 2 meeting. The student government members will volunteer several hours of their time to aid a local organization in East Chicago. The House of Glory, 4009 1st St., on March 29, 11:30 a.m. - 3 p.m., will host this charitable event.

Members are also working on organizing a week of speakers, sometime after spring break. Diversity will be the topic discussed but it will not just be on singular cultures. Speakers will discuss the melting pot America has

become and where it is going in the future. More information will be made available as the plans are finalized.

Four senator positions were open and were voted in at the March 2 meeting. Candidates had to fulfill certain requirements and complete an application. After completing an interview process, the students were later voted in. There were six people that had applied. The new members include, Ryan Flores, Darcie M. Marshall, Carmen Navarro, and Claudia Rios. Mitchell has positive feelings about the new members.

"I am excited because it might make it a little bit easier, more people involved, more people to work with, and more people to put responsibility on," said Mitchell. Mitchell hopes to get more response from students in the future and his new senators will help in that effort.

Meanwhile, students were asked to fill out a survey, that appeared in an earlier edition of the Chronicle, in regards to the issues, as to whether or not they would like a fall break. Mitchell said that, "unfortunately only about 15 responses were turned in."

Appointments

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states at least three of five executive officers must be present to conduct business. At the February 5 meeting the executive orders appointing the new officers were introduced.

The minutes to the Feb. 5 meeting, taken by Dielman, have not been formally recognized.

Tom Cavanaugh, first vice-chair of the CRs of PUC, does not recognize the event of the meeting. "As far as I believe there was no meeting. I do not recognize the meeting and do not recognize the minutes," he said.

Cavanaugh said he saw Matt Laker, second vice-chair and an attendee at the February 5 meeting according to the preliminary minutes, on campus during the time the meeting was supposed to be taking place. The preliminary minutes say the meeting took place from 2:47

until 3:34 p.m. February 5.

Jessen said they need "bodies" to complete the tasks of running the organization. The appointments are a matter of dispute with members of the organization and the University. The treasurer position has been open since October and the secretary position is a matter of contention with Jessen and other officers in the club.

The current secretary, Tracy Labuda, "will retain her responsibilities and privileges, but due to the fact of her pregnancy, Dielman will be appointed as an interim secretary to assist Labuda," according to executive order #97002. Labuda believes she is being discriminated against because of her pregnancy.

Jessen claimed he is not trying to replace anyone. He pointed out that the executive order that appoints Dielman gives her the

officer position of interim secretary, and Labuda retains her responsibilities and privileges. According to Jessen this adds another vote to the executive council with Dielman's appointment. This goes against the bylaws of the organization, which clearly state how many and who the voting members are.

Jessen sees the problems stemming from a power struggle between him and his second-in-charge, Tom Cavanaugh. "The two of us can't see eye to eye. That's politics," Jessen said.

The internal problems have implications for the vitality of the organization. Chris Baker, a former active member, is frustrated. "It's gotten so out of hand, I kind of distanced myself from the organization. I've got a family to raise, I don't need these games... It's basically the Brian vs. Tom show."

Grad TAs hold 'Day of Action'

LAWRENCE, Kan. (CPS) - Thousands of graduate teaching assistants held a day of rallies and teach-ins Feb. 28 to demand higher wages, better salaries and union representation.

Graduate TAs at more than 20 campuses billed the "National Day of Action" as the first time graduate employee unions have banded together to push universities to recognize TAs as employees, not just students.

At the University of Kansas, students put together a monument inscribed with the names of every graduate TA in front of the student union.

"The national Day of Action is to call attention to the fact that it's not just KU graduate teachers organizing," Laura Senio, co-president of the KU graduate teaching assistants coalition. "We have the same basic concerns that graduate teachers everywhere have."

At the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, graduate TAs handed out fortune cookies with pro-union messages.

According to the Coalition of Graduate Employee Unions, there are more than 100,000 graduate employees in the United States, and at many universities, graduate TAs take on 50 percent of the teaching load.

Only a dozen universities, including the University of Wisconsin and the University of California-Berkeley, have allowed graduate students to unionize, the group said.

At many campuses, the TAs were backed by unions, including the American Federation of Teachers and the American Association of University Professors.

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see an offer that's too good to be true it usually is."

Tammy, an Indiana University student, says both a company offering a boat tour in Puerto Vallarta and the people she booked her package through misrepresented themselves.

"We paid for a boat cruise separate from the package, and then when we went to get the tickets there was another charge they hadn't told us about," said Tammy, not wishing to be identified by her last name. "On this cruise boat there wasn't a place for us to sit. They

had snorkeling, but you're snorkeling in a place where there's nothing to look at."

The hotel wasn't a "dumpy" hotel, she says, but they did have to change rooms after they found cockroaches in the first one.

The cost of a spring break trip usually depends on the price of the hotel room, said Leslie Carroll, of STA Chicago. The cheaper the price of the trip, the less amenities one can expect in a hotel room, she says.

Carroll and other travel agents say the best way students can protect themselves against travel scams is to book the trip through reputable travel agencies.

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property. Zwier lauds his fellow officers for their professional approach to their duties; "I work with a fine group of individuals. You can see it by their involvement in the community."

"We have added a bicycle patrol and foot patrols to accomplish a community oriented policing

atmosphere to the campus. The campus community just loves it," said Zwier.

In addition to these patrol related duties, members of the department are available to discuss police problems and operations as well as concerns regarding campus safety. Contact with the administrative offices can be made at department headquarters.

PC Slots

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first time," said Jennifer Smith, a PUC Student, "but the people at the computer labs helped me through the program."

PC Slots runs under Windows and Windows 95, and can be accessed in only a few steps. Using Windows 95, the Program icon is selected from the Start menu.

Next, the Student Info Support Lab icon is selected from the Program menu. Finally, select the PC Slots icon under that menu.

Windows users can access the

the program by opening the Student Info Support Lab group, and selecting the PC slots icon.

Once the program is open, there is a Help icon in the upper right hand corner that can aid users in creating their own job search headings or browsing through the established ones.

The Office of Career Development and Placement, located on campus in room SFLC-349 of the Student and Faculty Library Center, also offers help in using the PC Slot system. They can be reached at (219) 989-2419 for additional information.

Career Corner

Career Options for Behavioral Sciences

A career planning workshop will be held for Behavioral Science majors to discuss opportunities and different employment options that are available with a Bachelor's degree.

When: Friday, March 14 from 10 - 11:30 a.m.

Where: SFLC-321

Deputy U.S. Marshal

Become a U.S. Marshal with the Federal Law Enforcement Agency. Salaries start between \$31,544-35,900, with high earning potential. Health and Life Insurance benefits and retirement options available. For more information contact the U.S. Marshal Service at (219) 236-8291.

Internship!

The Federal Home Loan Bank of Indianapolis is currently seeking a summer intern to assist the Community Investment Officer in various projects. Applicants must be orga-

nized, willing to travel and have working knowledge of Lotus, word processing and filing. For more information, check out the listing in PC Slots on any campus computer.

Spring Recruiting Enterprise Car Rental -

Tuesday, March 11

Full-Time and Internship positions available for Management Trainees. All Liberal Arts & Science, General Management, Finance, Accounting and Marketing majors are welcome to sign up!

Allied Tube

Friday, March 14

'96 Grads, May '97 and August '97 Graduates with Supervision(BS), Accounting, Mechanical Engineering, Electrical Engineering, and Technical Sales are welcome to sign up for interviews. **NOTE:** You MUST sign up first in the Career Development and Placement Office, SFLC-349!

Women's History Month 1997

Tuesday, March 11 - 11 a.m.

SFLC-321

"Women and HIV; Get the Facts and Apply the Facts" - a discussion and performance on problem solving issues pertaining to women and HIV. Dianne Mitro, Graduate Assistant Wellness Coordinator, American Red Cross HIV/AIDS Instructor

Wednesday, March 12 - 7 p.m.

SFLC-321

"Shaping the World with Our Hands" - this one-woman show, developed within Ms Farah's own ethnographic journey, embodies the voices of five Lebanese women. Laila Farah, Doctoral Candidate at Southern Illinois University

Thursday, March 13 - 12 noon and 4 p.m.

SFLC-100

Movie - "Steel Magnolias" - the story of a close-knit circle of friends whose lives comes together around Truvy's Beauty Parlor in a small parish in modern-day Louisiana.

Tuesday, March 25 - 12 noon and 4 p.m.

SFLC-100

Movie - "What's Love Got to Do with It?" - chronicles the career of Tina Turner from the time she met musician-songwriter Ike Turner until the launch of her solo career in the early 1980s. Based on Turner's autobiography, "I, Tina"

Wednesday, March 26 - 2 p.m.

Fitness Center

"Building Awareness through Self Defense Tactics" - this seminar will raise participant sensitivity and provide hands-on training for various self-defense situations Catherine Gillotti Second Degree Brown Belt, Kenpo Karate. Asst. Prof., Department of Communications

Saturday, March 29 - 8 p.m.

Alumni Hall

"Domestic Violence" - Ms. Ramos is a leading activist and advocate for issues related to domestic violence. She traces her work in this field to 1976, when her family's New Jersey home served as the first shelter for battered women and children. She went on to earn a law degree at the University of Pennsylvania where she was recipient of the Fordham Human Rights Award for the most outstanding contribution to the advancement of individual freedom and human dignity. Maria Ramos (co-sponsored by the Artist Lecture Series)

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Is this any way to run an organization?

There are many student organizations on campus and they all have reasons for their existence. Most importantly, student organizations bring students together for a common cause. This common cause allows students to learn about themselves, others and about the purposes of the club.

One such organization is the College Republicans of Purdue University Calumet. The mission of the CRs of PUC states in Article I, Section 2 of their constitution, "Our mission is to provide its membership with a means of obtaining a practical political education with an emphasis on the principles of the Republican Party."

In a time when young adults all over our country are showing less interest in politics, it is encouraging to see a group like the CRs taking an active role in teaching its members about politics.

However, events at a recent executive council meeting of the CRs have led some to question the actions of the chairman and the business conducted.

At the recent Feb. 5 executive council meeting, Brian Jessen, chairman of the CRs of PUC, suspended rules because a quorum was not present. Without a quorum present, according to the bylaws of the organization, the meeting should have ended and no business should have taken place. This did not happen.

What kind of practical political education are the CRs of PUC teaching its members by conducting business without a quorum present at an executive council meeting? It is ironic that a student organization with the mission of providing its members with a practical political education suspends the very rules that are in place to maintain order. Suspending rules is not the way to take care of business in the real world.

Also, with the mission of providing the membership "with an emphasis on the principles of the Republican Party," one is left to wonder if breaking rules is truly a principle of the Republican Party.

At the same meeting, Jessen appointed his girlfriend to the position of Interim Secretary and filled a vacant position via executive orders. There are guidelines in the bylaws for filling vacancies, but Jessen did not follow these. Is this appointment another example of "principles of the Republican Party" or just a student interested on politics?

She may have an interest in politics, but she is definitely not a student. In fact, neither of the two appointed members of the executive council are students.

Apparently there is some confusion in the CRs of PUC as to whether it is necessary for members of student organizations to actually be students of PUC. There should be no confusion. It is clearly stated in guidelines sent to student organizations by the student activities office that all members must be students, not to mention the use of a little common sense.

The political system has lost respect in the eyes of many Americans. It is up to political organizations, such as the CRs, to do everything in their power to live up to what they stand for. The CRs of PUC are a representative of the Republican Party and politics in general.

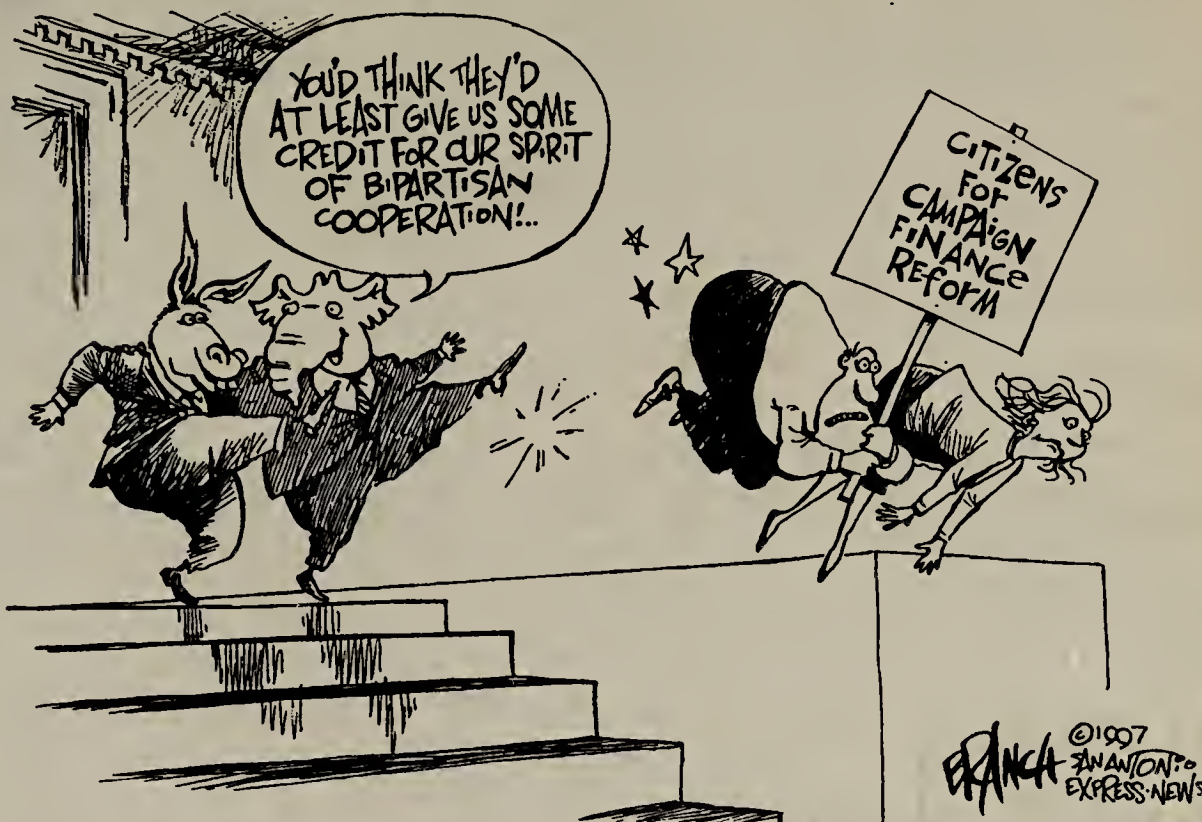
The CRs of PUC need to follow the rules they have in place.

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'Morning after pill' solidifies line of conception

View from elsewhere

By Heather Pace
 Battalion of Texas A&M University

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (U-WIRE) – A world already ruled by convenience has become even more so with the Federal Drug Administration's approval of emergency contraception, better known as the "morning after" pill, last Monday.

The pill's approval is unusual because the companies which manufacture birth control never requested its approval for use as emergency contraception, fearing the massive repercussions of litigation and the ire of pro-life groups.

Although companies fear the reverberations of emergency contraception, the FDA's announcement is no more than an official seal on what has been going on for decades in the United States.

As such, the FDA's approval should be used to help pro-life and pro-choice groups come to a settlement as to what constitutes life and where the line should be drawn.

Recent bombings of abortion clinics and similar instances constitute right-wing ideocracy at its best, representing a movement which has lost any semblance of the order it once maintained.

No matter what one's personal views may be, the abortion question is minor in comparison to other issues which impact the lives of those already living.

The approval of emergency contraception simply serves to announce publicly what many women do not realize is available.

Although emergency contraception is used regularly in emergency rooms and reproductive health clinics, it is rarely utilized in private practices because doctors know little about its usage.

As more individuals become educated, the issue of abortion hopefully will fade into the distance as women begin to take advantage of emergency contraception to prevent pregnancy.

Because emergency contraception is nothing more than high doses of birth control, the process is easy and affordable. Women simply take two to four birth control pills up to 72 hours after sex, followed by the same dose exactly 12 hours later.

A survey conducted by the Kaiser Family Foundation showed an estimated 225,000 American women have used emergency contraception. Likewise, a newly-established hot line received over 25,000 calls within five months of its inception. The hot line was established to inform women about the process and familiarize them

with the providers of emergency contraception.

Although the use of emergency contraception might raise a furor, it has been quieter than its distant relative RU-486. While emergency contraception simply prevents a fertilized egg from implanting in the uterus, RU-486 is an abortion pill which expels an already-growing embryo from the uterus.

The difference between the pills is precisely what should serve as the point of compromise between pro-lifers and pro-choicers. Because emergency contraceptive pills are not effective if a woman is already pregnant, they easily establish what has been so difficult to pinpoint: the beginning of life.

After conducting extensive research, Dr. James Trussell of Princeton University convinced the FDA that emergency contraception possibly could prevent almost 2 million pregnancies each year that would otherwise end in abortion. If nothing else, this should partly ease the cries of ardent pro-lifers.

For those who aren't responsible enough to plan, emergency contraception is an easy way out.

While there is no substitute for personal responsibility, emergency contraception provides an alternative to abortion that should not be overlooked.

Fuss over U.S. News rankings much ado about nothing

View from elsewhere

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CHICAGO (U-WIRE) – In what might seem to be a move against the seemingly arbitrary and inaccurate nature of the U.S. News and World Report rankings, Dartmouth's Thayer School of Engineering has decided to withhold a portion of the magazine's annual survey of higher education.

Calling her action "a protest" against misinformation, Thayer School Dean Elsa Garmire refused to complete and return a questionnaire soliciting off-the-cuff evaluations of similar programs.

In other related news, a memorandum suggesting reforms tailored to the U.S. News survey's criteria was circulated among faculty and admin-

istrators at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. UNC, according to Chancellor Michael Hooker, will aggressively seek to promote itself through the rankings. "We are taking direct steps to improve the ranking," he said. "We pay attention because the public pays attention."

Ostensibly, these two cases are opposing reactions to the recent controversy over U.S. News' rankings. Dartmouth righteously boycotts the magazine for its flawed analysis, while UNC moves to take advantage of the public prestige granted by a high ranking without worrying about the ethics of such an act.

In reality, though, the Thayer School and UNC don't differ much at all in their respective decisions. According to Garmire in *The Dartmouth*, "The whole idea is to make sure we're not compared unfa-

vorably according to a series of pieces of data that are not relevant to prospective students."

Certainly, Dean Garmire can't be blamed for what is undoubtedly a legitimate concern. Why should Thayer support a segment of the U.S. News survey that compares it unfairly with larger schools of different focus and structure? But neither can UNC be excused for its seemingly questionable decision to "play the rankings game."

As long as U.S. News and World Report continues its annual rankings, and as long as educational institutions understand that those rankings are the object of significant public attention, colleges and graduate programs will seek maximum benefits from publicity. It should not be surprising that university policies have been and will be set according to the criteria of the U.S. News and World Report survey.

Year 2000 computer chaos may affect PUC

BY GREG FURMAN
Staff Writer

The dependence of the computer over the last 20 years has created a problem that is just now being addressed by government, schools, and everyone else involved with computers and software. The problem is the year 2000.

The background of the problem can be traced to the 1960's and early 1970's. Programmers at that time were writing applications that were restricted by the amount of memory the computer could use. To cut down on the memory needed, programs were written using only 6 digits in a date field, instead of eight. Dates were entered in a day/month/year format. The date June 1, 1997, would be in the date field as 1.6.97. Because programmers were not able to add the 19 prefix to the year in the date field, the computer reads the data entered for the year 2000 not as June 1, 2000, but as June 1, 1900.

One can imagine the problems this would cause. Any date-sensitive material and programs would be affected. For example, a loan taken out at a bank in 1994

would not be calculated as 6 years, but as 94 years, basically indicating that you are 94 years delinquent on your bill. People who still own a 386 or older model computer have a problem that will cause the computer not to function on January 1, 2000. Software programs that use a date field, such as spreadsheet or databases, could also be affected. Entitlement payments such as Social Security, and information in government databases are also in jeopardy.

Purdue Calumet's view

The problem here at Purdue-Calumet is not as staggering as it could have been, according to Dr. William Verbrugge, Assistant vice-chancellor for Information and Instructional Technology and the person in charge of coordinating the change at our campus. "The Student Information System, which deals with classes and grades, is in good shape. It was updated with new software in 1993. There is no need to change that system, since it is 2000 compliant. Most of the programs affected are administrative ones, such as payroll and

budget. These are shared with West Lafayette. Shadow systems, programs developed by students and staff to work with the current software, also need to be changed," Verbrugge said.

Dr. Verbrugge indicated that the cost to fix this will not be as large as it could have been had the Student information system not been updated.

Purdue plans to start implementing changes in June of 1998, which would allow enough time for changing code, testing, and debugging.

Costs of change

One reason that business and government may be dragging their feet in fixing this problem is the cost involved in fixing

it. Large corporations may have over 50 million lines of code that have to be changed. According to Gartner, one of the leading global researchers in technology, the cost to change each line of code is estimated to be about \$1.10 per line, increased from last year's estimate of \$.50 per line.

Independent contractors say it could cost the government about \$30 billion dollars. Code has to be changed, tested, and debugged. This process can take programmers months to complete.

What can be done to avoid getting caught in the "2000" snafu?

■ Make sure that when you buy software, it is 2000 compliant.

■ Check out what software you are running now and see if it needs to be updated.

Women to Women provides support

BY MARY VERSTEEG-HALL
Staff Writer

Colleges across America are experiencing not only an increase of women students, but also an increase of a different type of female student. They are women returning to school after having a family.

And they can be found in Purdue University Calumet classrooms. According to the Bureau of Labor and Statistics, enrollment of women in four-year colleges doubled between 1965 and 1987, and women now constitute 51 percent of the student body in higher education. More than 40 percent of them are age 25 and older.

Because close to 15 percent of these women are parents, they not only attend college, but work full time as well. Purdue University Calumet's Women to Women is an organization that sees these females in an "unique struggle" to obtain a degree.

"Many are either divorced, widowed, or have families that need a second income," said Vernita Brooks, president of PUC's Women to Women. Some just want to fulfill their dream of earning a degree.

"Women to Women is a student based and community organization, whose purpose is to foster the growth and development of women who are returning to school," Brooks said. A student at PUC for nine years, a wife raising two boys and one girl, Brooks is not a rookie at being a nontraditional college student.

"I only have seven more courses to go until I graduate with a degree in elementary education," stated Brooks with confidence. "But, it wasn't easy. When I returned to college my biggest obstacle to overcome was time management: Do I study now, at midnight, or at 4 a.m. before the kids wake-up?"

Another member of Women to Women, Pat Wilson, joined the organization two years after

beginning her bachelor's degree in English education in 1988. She, like Brooks, is a mother; however, her only son is now 35.

"College had always been on the back burner for me," stated Wilson. "After finding out I had cancer, I decided I'm either going to do it now, or I'm not going to do it. I have had many good experiences with Women to Women. And, I believe returning to college helped me during my recovery with cancer."

Women to Women meets once a month for an hour to support its members and to discuss its plans for the month. The organization's members also meet once a year for an annual picnic, where they discuss the next year's agenda.

So far the organization has held several workshops, such as, Anxiety Seminar 101, money budgeting, self-defense techniques, and Power of Prayer in Stress Management.

Also, during the last two Christmas seasons Women to Women has organized donation drives for the Haven House of Hammond, a shelter for women. The organization donated 35 care-bags containing toiletries and cab fare to the shelter.

"They were very receptive and thankful for the care-bags," stated a councilor from the Raven House, who wishes to remain anonymous. "Most of the women used the care-bags and they really needed them."

However, Women to Women is presently struggling. "We need new members. Many of our active members graduated last semester," said Brooks. "So we are having to piggy-back off of other organizations on campus for workshops."

During Women's History Month in March, Women to Women is offering two workshops: A self-motivation workshop, March 10, at 1 p.m. and a workshop on stress management. It takes place March 24, at 1 p.m.

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Video Nights

BY DARCIE M. MARSHALL
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Videos can make a great date on a Friday night. Though the winter months are almost over, new release will be hitting the shelves at a more rapid rate. New releases hit the stores Tuesday of every month. In order to grab that hot title right off the shelf it is a good idea to know what is coming out. March will bring several new titles to the local video stores.



Upcoming releases



March 11:

Maximum Risk
Sweet Nothing
Foxfire
Gang in Blue
Celestial Clockwork
Jude
The Bible
The Corporation
Horseman of the Roof

March 18:

Long Kiss Goodnight
Scorpion Spring
American Buffalo
Honey, We Shrunk Ourselves
Dead Ahead, Blood Hounds
First Wives Club
Walking and Talking
Pathfinder

March 25:

Supercop
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David Spade does the sitcom thing

'Saturday Night Live' veteran stars in NBC series, 'Just Shoot Me'

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David Spade is back, not on "Saturday Night Live," not in a movie with Chris Farley, not on "The David Spade Show," but in NBC's new series, "Just Shoot Me."

"It seemed smart to do a sitcom with an ensemble," Spade says. "There's less pressure and I could still have fun. It's a little new, and it's harder than I thought. It takes a full week to get it together. On 'SNL,' we went two days later, ready or not. So, on 'Just Shoot Me,' I'm ready to do the show on Wednesday, but we don't tape it until Friday. That means an extra two days of rehearsing, which is good and bad. You get better, but you also get nitpicky about jokes, which can blow up in your face."

Spade is cast in "Shoot" as Dennis Finch, smart-ass office manager of "Blush," a ladies fashion magazine run by Jack Gallo (George Segal), an older guy whose fourth wife just gave birth to a baby. That fourth wife happens to be the former high school friend of Maya Gallo (Laura San Giacomo), Jack's journalist daughter, who reluctantly agrees to work at "Blush" after losing her job. Much of the show's action unfolds at the "Blush" offices, where Finch, Jack and Maya must also deal with aging former model and editor, Nina Van Horne (Wendie Malick), and womanizing photographer, Elliot DeMarco (Enrico Colantoni).

"I've known George through his movies, but didn't know what to expect from him doing TV," Spade says. "He's really super-sharp and super-funny. I didn't think we'd connect, but we did. Laura's got the toughest job.

She's got to carry the story and a lot of the burden of the show. When you're that lead character on a sitcom, you don't always have the best jokes. The writers are doing what they can to give her jokes as well as story."

Much of Spade's success has come when he's been paired with a partner like Farley, who acted with him in "Tommy Boy" and "Black Sheep," or when he's surrounded by other laugh-getters, as he was on "SNL." In general, the comedian acknowledges, he's most comfortable in ensemble or partner situations. "A lot of the fun I have happens when I play off other people or another person," he says. "The tricky part is finding that dynamic with another person. Farley and I play off each other naturally. 'Tommy Boy' was written based on how we were already. On other shows or movies, you're given situations and you have to deal with them, find the dynamic. On 'Just Shoot Me,' we start to really gel in the third or fourth show. The writers have found our strengths and they're playing to them now."

Spade, who was born in Birmingham, Mich., and raised in Scottsdale, Ariz., has always played to his strengths. Much of his humor, which is of the cynical, observational kind, sprang from issues of height. "I was super-short, freaky short," he says, laughing. "I remember being in seventh grade and hoping I'd be five-foot-one when I was an adult. I'm five-seven now, but it was brutal. I was even shorter than the girls, which didn't fly on the chick scene. So, sarcasm was my defense mechanism. It came out of me. Some people naturally do

physical humor. Some naturally do knock-knock jokes or dirty stuff. I did this dry, observational stuff. It turned heads and got people to listen to me."

The comedian spent years on the stand-up circuit, playing clubs and colleges, then scored big on "SNL" in 1990. He won many a fan with dead-on impressions of Michael J. Fox and Tom Petty, not to mention his Hollywood reports on "SNL" news segments. Spade's best-loved "SNL" creation is the nasty flight attendant who booted passengers off planes with the catch-phrase "Ba-bye" echoing in their ears. Spade fondly recalls his "SNL" days. "It was always fun, but it was just super-hard," he says. "I miss the ritual of the writing, the pressure of when you had to finish. I don't miss doing the show every week. It was too hard. After they gave me my own segment ("Spade in America"), it was hard to come up with stuff every week, but I was proud of what I did. I just couldn't keep up the pace."

While Spade's immediate future is "Just Shoot Me," he hasn't given up on films. Audiences will soon see him in "Eight Heads in a Duffel Bag," a black comedy about a gangster (Joe Pesci) who drags the heads of eight murder victims across the country.

And for those folks just dying to see Spade team again with Farley, Spade won't rule out the possibility. "There's a script we're reading now that we may do," he says. "They can be a little tough to do. I am, though, prouder of 'Tommy Boy' and more people talk to me about that, than anything else I've done in my career. I think Chris would say the same thing."

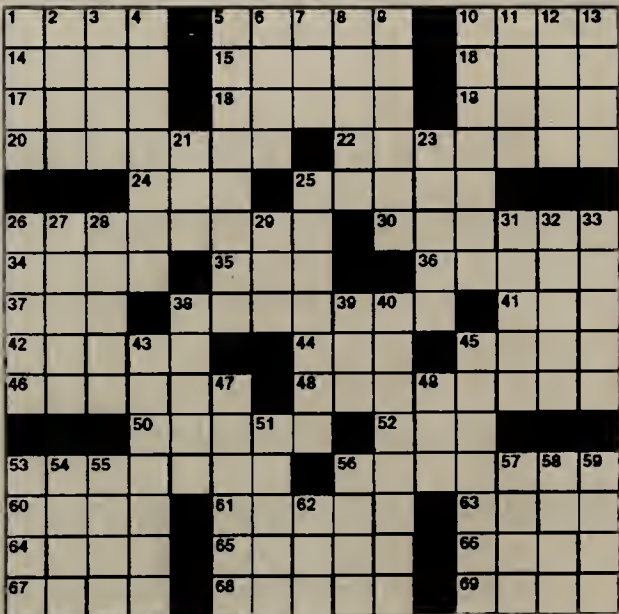
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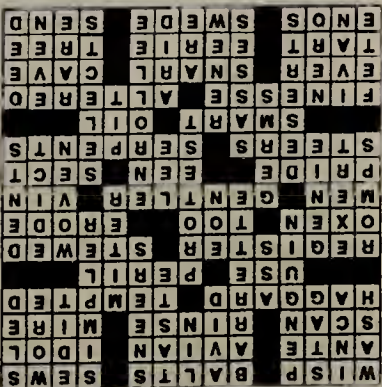
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Artists: Various
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Label: Ariwa/RAS
(ARI CD 039)
Grade: B+

WOMEN IN REGGAE: ROOTS DAUGHTERS

Artists: Various
Genre: Reggae
Label: Shanachie (45027)
Grade: A-

Bringing to light the long-ignored talents of women in reggae has become something of a marketing trend lately, resulting in several fine recent compilations. Two of the best are "Roots Daughters," a reissued collection of English singers originally produced in 1988 by the inimitable Mad Professor, and the similarly titled "Women in Reggae: Roots Daughters," a generous anthology of roots anthems by women both famous (Judy Mowatt, Sister Carol) and obscure (Senya, Shan-I Benjamin) on the Shanachie label.

The Ariwa set has the edge in terms of freshness. Mad Professor is one of the finest living reggae producers; his signature sound is crisp and digitally clean, but still grounded in the heavy, one-drop riddim that distinguishes "roots" or "cultural" reggae from the modern, dance-hall sound. The women featured on this collection are not especially well known in the United States, though reggae fans will probably recognize Sandra Cross and Kofi's names. The album's weakness is in the sameness of the singers - Mad Professor has an uncanny ability to make all women sound alike. But it's a good sound, and several tracks stand out, including the haunting "Fire" (sung by Fabienne) and Sister Audrey's "English Girl" ("Don't call me no English girl/Just call me by my name"). A number of songs are appended by the Professor's dub mixes, which are always welcome.

The Shanachie album is longer and more varied, with a focus on tracks from the late 1970s, reggae's classical period. These fifteen tracks round up the usual suspects - Rita Marley's ganja classic "One Draw", Marcia Griffiths' "Steppin' out of Babylon," just to name two - but they also include a few obscure gems. "International Style" is a charming deejay track

from early in the distinguished career of Sister Carol, and Marcia Aitken does a commendable job of responding to the Meditations' misogynist classic "Woman Is Like a Shadow" by altering its lyrics and rendering it "Narrow-Minded Man." I think her version may even be better than the original. Shan-I Benjamin (of the Ariwa posse) makes an appearance with the nutritional ode "Look After Your Structure" ("Rice and peas and ackee, that makes me happy") and brings along the Mad Professor for a dub appearance. Overall, this may be the more satisfying of the two albums, but there's no reason not to get both.

THE BLACK ROSE

Artists: Tir na n'Og
Genre: Celtic
Label: (Privately produced; see phone number below)
Grade: A-

Tir na n'Og is a Long Island-based duo consisting of fiddler Liz Knowles and guitarist/citternist/mandolinist Colleen Donahue. On this self-produced CD they are accompanied at various times by a shifting ensemble of local players, who follow them through a sprawling and wonderful set of traditional jigs, reels and airs.

Knowles fiddles with an elegant restraint that brings to mind the playing of Martin Hayes; Donahue favors twelve-string guitars, an unusual approach for Irish music and one which lends an extra depth to the duo's sound.

The album opens with the achingly lovely "Rosin Dubh" (which Gaelicists will recognize as the title track), and proceeds at a stately but energetic pace through an impressive array of tunes, from such familiar fare as "Jack Broke da Prison Door" and "Whiskey Before Breakfast" to Donahue's lovely original "Man of Steel."

(Note to the band: consider performing this one live in a medley with a Celtic-style arrangement of "Iron Man"). You're going to wish you could get them to play at your party, and if you live on Long Island, maybe you can.

Tir na n'Og can be reached at 212-475-8559. In New England, contact Ossian USA at 118 Beck Rd., Loudon NH 03301, or e-mail ossianusa@aol.com.

Gypsy continues this weekend

BY SUMMER M. CORONADO
Entertainment Writer

This weekend, the award-winning musical "Gypsy," by Jule Styne (music) and Stephen Sondheim (lyrics), based on the memoirs of the famed stripper, Gypsy Rose Lee. (Book by Arthur Laurents) will be presented at Purdue Calumet in Alumni Hall. "Gypsy" played last weekend to appreciative crowds in three shows.

"Gypsy," tells the life story of Gypsy Rose Lee, a famous stripper, who as a child was said to have no talent, no looks and no brain. Always in the shadow of her sister June, a talented singer/dancer of Vaudeville, Louise was always second rate and reminded her whole life that

she was not gifted theatrically. That is until one day after overhearing the owner of a Burlesque house desperate to find a "new stripper" for the star spot, Louise's mother Rose, offers her daughter to strip in exchange for the star salary. After teasing the audience into believing that she will discard all her clothing, she becomes a hit! From then on she is known as, Gypsy Rose Lee, the highest paid stripper in the business.

Starring in "Gypsy," is Lisa Woodruff of Dyer as "Mama Rose," Debbie Wilczynski of Merrillville as "Louise," Tim Payne of Valparaiso as "Herbie," Sheree R. Wheeler of Kouts as "June," Amanda Morales of Portage as "Young June,"

Remaining performances

'Gypsy' show dates are March 14 & 15 at 8 p.m.

Stephanie Boettcher of Schererville as "Young Louise," Heather Brickman of Hammond as "Tessie," Belinda Medellin of Merrillville as "Mazeppa," and Megan Dagley of Highland as "Electra." Production staff includes director Tom Bogucki, musical director Trisha Hales and choreographer Larry Colgan.

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Horoscopes

BY LINDA C. BLACK

The sun's still in Pisces this week, good for the arts and music. The moon in Aries from Monday through Tuesday morning encourages participation. From Tuesday afternoon through most of Thursday, the moon's in Taurus. People will be less talkative and more demonstrative then, especially in matters of the heart. Thursday evening the moon goes into Gemini, where it stays through Saturday. This indicates change. On Sunday, the moon's in Cancer, symbolizing home and family. Check in with your folks.

Aries

(March 21-April 19). You're hot on Monday. Don't move too fast for somebody who's trying to keep up with you, unless it's your intention to outrun them. Work out Tuesday morning and go shopping that afternoon. You'll have a strange compulsion to do accounting Wednesday and Thursday. By Friday, you'll be more interested in reading and writing than arithmetic. Send a letter to a friend on Saturday. Stay home and cuddle on Sunday.

Taurus

(April 20-May 20). Hand in an overdue assignment on Monday, or Tuesday morning at the latest. Relax with friends that afternoon. A misunderstanding between friends is cleared up by Wednesday night. Others seek your practical advice on

Thursday. Shop for office products on Friday. Ignore a friend's thoughtless remark on Saturday. Folks are throwing away some really good stuff on Sunday. Check out the garage sales.

Gemini

(May 21-June 21). Friends tempt you to be rebellious on Monday. Don't lose your job for your efforts. You'll have a brilliant insight Tuesday morning. Write it down. There's a barrier to travel Wednesday morning. A date with an older person goes well that night. Watch and listen Thursday; you'll get a chance to express your opinions Friday. Move quickly Saturday to get what you want. Money's coming in on Sunday.

Cancer

(June 22-July 22). Follow orders Monday and you'll save time and trouble. Friends help you make an important connection Tuesday. A hassle regarding money on Wednesday is temporary. Make a date for later that night. Learn another key to success on Thursday. Friday's a hassle, but you'll get through it if you pay attention. Expect plans to change on Saturday. Sunday's best for travel by water and playing with foreigners.

Leo

(July 23-Aug. 22). Your chances for beating the record are best on Monday. Tuesday morn-

ing ain't bad either. By that evening, you'll have slowed down noticeably. Wednesday may feel like you're slogging through mud. Persevere through Thursday; conditions get better that night. A cheerful friend has lots of good ideas on Friday. Try out a few of them on Saturday. Save all your chores and homework for Sunday.

Virgo

(Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Make plans Monday even if there's not enough money yet. You may find more as early as Tuesday morning. Your thinking is solid and responsible Wednesday and Thursday, and your answers are right. Don't let a pushy person make you nervous on Friday. Instead, look at the prodding as inspirational. Saturday's hectic, but fun. Go ahead and overdo it; you'll have plenty of time to relax with loved ones on Sunday.

Libra

(Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Let an exciting person lure you out of your dull routine on Monday. A friend helps you accomplish your goals Tuesday. Pool your money with roommates Wednesday to get a better item. Use whatever's left to pay bills Thursday. You'll ace the essay questions on Friday. Write a report or a story that night. Travel with your friends on Saturday. Romance could blossom in a different setting. Take care of business Sunday.

Scorpio

(Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your work's more difficult Monday because of a hot-headed associate.

By Tuesday afternoon, you should have made contact with a more reliable type. You and that other person get the job done Wednesday and Thursday. The partnership could become permanent. Be careful with your money on Friday. Pay attention to make a good deal on Saturday; things are changing fast. Plan your romantic excursion for Sunday, by the shore.

Sagittarius

(Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're luckiest Monday and Tuesday morning with games of chance and games of the heart. From Tuesday afternoon through Thursday, it's straight work. Don't accept dates or other invitations. If you stick to this agenda, you'll be finished with the tough stuff by Thursday night. Accept a fun proposition then. Friday's fast-paced but interesting. Make a new friend on Saturday. Balance the checkbook and pay bills Sunday.

Capricorn

(Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Take care of a breakdown at home on Monday. By Tuesday afternoon, you should have everything under control again. Make a romantic decision Wednesday. Buy a significant gift as a token of your love on Thursday. Complete important paperwork on Friday. Do your work quickly on Saturday. A person who's your exact opposite makes you look at yourself in a different way on Sunday. Take action to make things better.

Aquarius

(Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Research

another source of income on Monday. You need it so you can buy things Tuesday. Don't go out Wednesday or Thursday nights. You'll do better financially and romantically if you stay home. You'll enjoy a lively verbal interaction on Friday. Don't be dissuaded by a lack of funds on Saturday. Use your imagination instead. Take care of a tricky domestic chore yourself on Sunday and you'll save even more.

Pisces

(Feb. 19-March 20). Money's burning a hole in your pocket Monday. Get organized with a friend's help. You're sharp Tuesday morning and blocked that afternoon. Persevere and the path opens up for you on Wednesday. Study by doing on Thursday and write up your results that night. Write out your thoughts carefully on Friday. A conversation with a roommate causes breakthroughs on Saturday. Plan a frugal yet romantic dinner for Sunday.

If You're Having a Birthday This Week ... Born March 10: Invest in your future, but be wise about it. Follow an older person's advice. Born March 11-13: You're fabulous with money this year. Save it up so you'll be even wealthier later. Born March 14-15: If the place you're living isn't right, change it. The same goes for your roommates. Tune up your environment. Born March 16: There'll be many changes this year. Romance motivates most of them.

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